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NEWSLETTER - March 2023

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Agenda

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Welcome to all
- Guest Speaker: Anne Sims – Flower Farm
- M/Tea break
- Health & Welfare
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Activities
- Garden Gems
- Competition Results
- Lucky Door and Raffle winners

Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is not mandated but is advisable due to our meeting being held indoors

New Members

Please welcome new members: **Lyn Fuller and Giovanna Richmond**



Get Well Messages

If you are aware of a member who is not well, or needs cheering up, **please let Chris Turner know on 0415 398 254**



Banking Information – please note details

If you would prefer to pay electronically for membership or trips etc, you can - details as follows:

Westpac Ulladulla Branch
BSB 032701 Account No 269025

Please ensure you enter your surname and what the money is for in the description space i.e. Keegan, Fees

You can also pay at meetings using our new EFTpos facility – see our Treasurer at the meeting.



Contact Details

If you have recently changed your address, telephone number or email address, please ensure that you let a committee member know. This will ensure that you will receive your newsletter via email if you have requested this. All personal details are kept strictly confidential.



Morning Tea

Please think about bringing your own mug for m/tea – this not only helps with the environment but also keeps our costs to a minimum. A mug with a lid would work best, as this would alleviate spillage and a possible injury. If you do use a disposable cup, please make sure you put it in the bin before you leave. We have had a lot of spills while packing up when cups are left on the floor.



Insurance

Please note that guests, (non-members), are not covered by the Club's Group Personal Accident Policy on coach trips, therefore, these are restricted to financial members only.



Newsletter

The Newsletter is distributed to members via email each month. Members who do not have access to email can collect their copy from the Welcome desk on meeting day.



Propagation Group – The Propagation Group is meeting on Thursday 13 April at Yumaro Nursery, Ulladulla. Please see further details on Page 7.

President's Message

Welcome everyone.

A big thankyou to all members who attended our AGM. Sometimes it's a difficult meeting to attend as you feel a little guilty when everyone is asked to volunteer for a committee position. We did manage to fill positions this year. We've had a committee meeting with our new volunteers and I'm happy to say all went well. I thank Linda Slinger for stepping up as secretary. Also, to Rose Richardson for a committee position. At general meetings you might have noticed committee members 'flit' around to wherever help is needed.

At each AGM the president must give a report. It is read out. It then disappears amongst paperwork, never to be seen again. I thought this year I'd have it printed in the newsletter. Here it is below:

"It was a great year. We held every meeting unlike the year before that was disrupted by covid. Our meetings have been held here at the Baptist church for quite a few years. Our hall hire fee was waved this year thanks to the generosity of the church. This means that the \$2 entrance fee is no more. It's a great venue and now with the installation of air conditioning even better.

To make things easier for members when paying for trips or membership a "Square" payment system was introduced. What a great idea, as unfortunately for some of us, cash is becoming a thing of the past. It also helps when our treasurer is up to date with all the new technology. Thanks Sue.

Annually there are a few ongoing competitions. Don't forget the Shirley Smith Award. Won last year by Yvonne Steains. It's your chance to give members a tried and tested tip or trick. All entries will be kept anonymous until the final voting is compiled at the end of the year. Each month we have competitions. Thanks to Janey George and Jan Barkwith plus other occasional helpers', members are given a chance to show off their gardening skills. Members are told at each meeting what the competition will be for the next month.

Competition winners are also showcased in the monthly newsletter Garden Thymes. The name Garden Thymes came about as the result of a competition won by Joii Harris. Unfortunately, Ann Keegan is not standing as editor this year. She has the newsletter so finely tuned that it really is just like a jigsaw puzzle. Put the pieces in the correct place and you have the newsletter. Thanks, Ann, for your dedication over the past few years. I promise my articles will be on time from now on!

As you look around the room you can see we have many members. Last month we acknowledged all our helpers. Do not sit back and be complacent. You could have a turn anywhere, if not on the committee, then as one of our helpers. The garden gems table is always so attractive. Why not help arrange the beautiful display of plants and flowers brought in each month? It has taken me 18 years, no sorry 17 years to become president. Do not let it be that long for you.

So many garden visits and trips were delayed because of covid. This year, however, most of them were completed. We had members' garden visits, and finally our trip to Mayfield Gardens at Oberon. It will go down in memory for all those attending. Beautiful gardens, great food, and lots of fun. Trips are a great way to find out about members and what they're really like. As always Debbie and Mark Kendall were completely organised. Deb has decided to take a break from activities. Kathy Pearce is taking on the pleasure. She's so enthusiastic and already has ideas for most of the year. Thanks Kathy.

Guest speakers come to our club and are amazed at the membership. We range between 120-150 members for most of the year. Sometimes it's quite daunting speaking in front of that many. Luckily, no one walked away. Don't forget that if you as a member would like to contribute as a guest or ten-minute speaker, we'd love to hear from you. Knowledge should be shared.

As President for 2023 I'll continue to enjoy the committee and general meetings and the friendship as I'm sure you will. "

Now that the year is well underway paperwork must be sent to NSW Fair Trading. Our Public Officer completed this. Thank you to John Steadman for undertaking and completing everything needed within a week.

Our first garden visit also happened this month. A very successful visit to Yumaro Garden Centre included not only morning tea but a tour around the nursery. I'm sure that not only the propagating group but members will frequent the Centre for plants.

We have a great little club.

Happy gardening!



Sue Mc

Garden Club Membership for 2023

Please note that your **2023 UGC membership fee is now due** and payable by the end of March 2023:

\$30.00 for a single membership
\$55.00 for a couple

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Australian Birthday flowers

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| April | Viola hederacea | native violet |
| | Epacris longifolia | native fuschia |
| Exotic | Calendula | |

Would you like to be a Member in Focus at one of our meetings?

We would love to hear from any member in our club who can share their journey with us – it doesn't have to be garden related, or it can just be some photos that you can share with us – it is up to you.

You could be a new member or a long-standing member whose garden has evolved significantly since they last presented. Don't be shy as we can assist with your presentation.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and experiences with the club, please contact Colleen Ringe.

Activities Report – Kathy Pearce

Thanks to those who attended Yumaro morning tea, and we all had a wonderful time. The Yumaro participants were very proud and happy. We appreciated their efforts and have been invited back again.



April 27 - Trip to Shoalhaven Heads - Final payment due next meeting on March 27

There are still 2 spaces left on the bus, don't miss out, see the Activities table to secure your seat- **full payment is \$65**

Cake and Coffee Morning – May 17

We will be having morning tea at Emersons on the Princes Highway, Ulladulla

Cost: \$15 which will cover a tea or coffee and a slice plus entry in the lucky door prize draw

There will also be a raffle on the day

Attendees can enjoy a trading table with specials in the back shed.

For those that haven't been to Emersons, there is a huge range of pots and garden ornaments plus a large shed of homewares and rooms filled with Christmas trees and decorations for sale.

Expressions of interest please at the March 27 meeting

Full Payment due April 24 meeting

New Newsletter Editor

Effective April, Catherine Craig has stepped forward to publish the Garden Thymes newsletter each month. Thank you, Catherine. Ann Keegan will continue as a backup if Catherine is away.

Her contact details are:

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Growing new roots – Propagation Group News

The next Propagation Group gathering is at **Yumaro Nursery at Warden Street, Ulladulla on Thursday 13 April at 1.30**. Yumaro has new, purpose-built greenhouses for propagating and growing-on young plants and they need help propagating new plants. So, the Propagation Group has decided to partner with Yumaro and help them out while learning new propagating skills in the perfect spot. It is a win-win situation.

However, to work at a NDIS facility, with NDIS participants, we need to assure NDIA that we are suit able individuals to be working /volunteering with vulnerable people. So if you do intend to come along to the next gathering at Yumaro on 13 April, you need to at least begin the **NDIS worker/volunteer check** . You can find information about the NDIS Worker check at:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/ndiswc-apply>

Alternatively, call 137788 and explain that you wish to apply for the *NDIS Worker Check* and they will start the ball rolling and answer any questions you may have.

You do need to have a Services NSW Account set up through the Services NSW website (not the Mobile phone app). The application is undertaken through this account.

It is exciting for the Propagation Group to be starting out in this new direction with Yumaro and spreading into our community. I hope you join us to learn new propagation skills while helping Yumaro to develop its nursery and expand opportunities for NDIS participants.

Gillian Boyd



To fill in the page - a couple of photos of Ann Keegan's front garden

A more accommodating outdoor dining nook – A contribution from Nolan Harvey

Why would a BBQ table feature in a garden club newsletter you ask? Especially when it should be of interest to the Men's Shed where it was made. Well, when Chris and I bought our home in Myrtle Street Milton there was a lovely BBQ deck where we could enjoy the garden as well as a meal or an afternoon drink. Unfortunately the original table we brought with us was small - ok for two but not for three or more. So luckily the Men's Shed had Oregon timber planks from an old house with built in character, nail holes screw holes big colourful knots and these became the perfect tabletop. We now have a table big enough for eight (or nine with careful seating). So far, we've collected seven different eclectic chairs and now can't wait to try everything out especially as Chris's husband's BBQ's are to die for!! Hahaha. But really what a way to relax with friends and enjoy the garden as well as a nice dinner with wine or two.



The Milton Show 2023 - Christine Turner

This year's Show was a huge success, even the rain on Friday could not dampen the enthusiasm of the community especially the children who marched with such a fantastic spirit around the arena in the rain with their teachers and their parents and grandparents cheering them on.

Many of our Garden Club members helped with the running of the show, our friendly faces were seen in the pavilions helping with entries, setting up the displays, judging, the endless clerical work, running errands, on the gate, taking down all the displays and even judging the pet show.

Also, again so many of us put in entries into so many different categories not just plant related, it was so exciting to see how enthusiastic everyone was and how successful we all were.



More Winners from the show ...



Can you answer these?

1. Mushrooms are plants? True or False.
2. Moss is a plant? True or False.
3. Humans use 70 000 plants for medicine but only 30 for pretty much all our food? True or False.
4. 80% of the earth's original forests have been destroyed? True or false.
5. How long can an oak tree live, 100 years, 500 years, 1000 years, 5000 years?

Answers next page

Shirley Smith Award 2023

A new year, new tips and tricks – get them to the new Editor and you too could be the winner of the 2023 Shirley Smith Award. Simply send your entry to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com. Nothing received so far this year – surely there are some words of wisdom you could impart to other members – get those thinking caps on..

Competition for February meeting was “Succulents”, and the winners were:



1st: Sue McMahon



2nd Jane McLennan



3rd: John Steadman

Competitions for 2023

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| March | Perfect Pink |
| April | Warm Autumn Colours |
| May | One Perfect Bloom |
| June | Winter Glory |
| July | Camellias |
| August | All Things Native |
| September | Orchids |
| October | Roses |
| November | Fun with Foliage |

Answers to quiz

1. False, they are actually closer to animals and are Fungi.
2. True, they are a non-flowering plant
3. True
4. True
5. 1000 years

Some Garden Events you may be interested in attending but not organised by our Garden Club

The Garden Clubs of Australia National Convention

September 10-15, 2023

Hosted by **Toronto and Districts Garden Club** in the beautiful **Lake Macquarie** NSW area

Further information at tidgepress@gmail.com or www.gcac2023.com

Berry Open Gardens

October 12-15 10:00 – 4:00pm daily

Further information info@berrygardens.org.au

Have your say ...

Is there something that you want to say about the joys or otherwise of home gardening? The newsletter is a place that you can post your views or make comments or even write a story. Don't be shy and don't think that you need to be a great writer to contribute – we can help you if you need it. Members' contributions are what make newsletters interesting. Have your say!

Photos for Newsletter

Do you have a photo you love of your garden or a plant or animal in your garden? We would love to share it with our members through the newsletter so please don't stop sending them in. They are a wonderful addition to our newsletter. Send them to ulladullagardenclub@gmail.com

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Tony Karacsonyi, of Narrawallee, is now offering his gardening services to Garden Club members. Tony is already maintaining several gardens in Mollymook and Milton, and is skilled in weeding, planting, pruning, mulching, and creating gardens. He has worked as a planter/bush regenerator, for the past 9 years for Shoalhaven City Council and the NPWS. He has Certificates 1, 2 and Part 3 in Horticulture from Ulladulla TAFE, and Chemical Certificate from North Sydney TAFE. Some members will know Tony and his wife Elizabeth, from the Milton/Ulladulla Orchid Society Shows, so if you have orchids that need re-potting, he can do that too.



Call Tony on Tel; 0476 938 415 or AH; 4455 4552